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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Franck Savard

Title: REAR DÉRAILLEUR DEVICE FOR A BICYCLE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application before its examination as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Page 10, line 1 ~~delete "CLAIMS" and insert therefore~~  
starting at the left hand margin --WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:--.

Claim 2, line 1 ~~delete "characterized in that" and insert~~  
therefore --wherein--.

Claim 3, line 1 ~~delete "characterized in that" and insert~~  
therefore --wherein--.

Claim 4, line 1 ~~delete "characterized in that" and insert~~  
therefore --wherein--.

Claim 5, lines 1-2 ~~"any one of the preceding claims,~~  
~~characterized in that" and insert therefore --claim 1,~~  
~~wherein--.~~

Claim 6, line 1 ~~delete "characterized in that" and insert~~  
therefore --wherein--.

Claim 7, line 1 ~~delete "claim 5 or 6, characterized in~~  
~~that" and insert therefore --claim 5, wherein--.~~

Claim 8, line 1 ~~delete "claim 5 or 6, characterized in~~  
~~that" and insert therefore --claim 5, wherein--.~~

Claim 9, line 1 ~~delete "characterized in that" and insert~~  
therefore --wherein--.

Claim 10, lines 1-2 ~~"any one of the preceding claims,~~